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H. R. 5640

To amend title 5, United States Code, to ensure that the right of Federal employees to display the flag of the United States not be abridged.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 10, 2002

Mr. WELDON of Florida (for himself and Mr. HALL of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “American Flag Pride
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EMPLOYEES’ RIGHT TO DISPLAY THE FLAG OF THE**
7 **UNITED STATES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 72 of title 5, United
9 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
10 lowing:

1 “SUBCHAPTER III—EMPLOYEES’ RIGHT TO
2 DISPLAY THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES

3 **“§ 7221. Definitions**

4 “For purposes of this subchapter—

5 “(1) the term ‘flag’ has the same meaning as
6 is given the term ‘flag, standard, colors, or ensign’
7 under section 3 of title 4; and

8 “(2) the term ‘Federal employee’ includes a
9 person under a personal services contract with the
10 United States (including an individual employed by
11 such a person).

12 **“§ 7222. Employees’ right to display the flag of the**
13 **United States**

14 “No agency, officer, or other authority of the Govern-
15 ment of the United States shall adopt or enforce any pol-
16 icy, or enter into any agreement, that would restrict or
17 prevent a Federal employee from displaying the flag of
18 the United States, or a pin of that flag, on his or her
19 person, in his or her workplace, or on a Government vehi-
20 cle operated by such employee.

21 **“§ 7223. Limitations**

22 “Nothing in this subchapter shall be considered to
23 permit any display or use which would be inconsistent
24 with—

1 “(1) any provision of chapter 1 of title 4 or any
 2 rule or custom pertaining to the proper display or
 3 use of the flag (as established in or under such
 4 chapter or otherwise applicable provisions of law); or

5 “(2) any reasonable restriction pertaining to the
 6 time, place, or manner of displaying the flag of the
 7 United States which is necessary—

8 “(A) for reasons of workplace safety; or

9 “(B) to prevent damage to public prop-
 10 erty.”.

11 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
 12 ter 72 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by add-
 13 ing at the end the following:

“SUBCHAPTER III—EMPLOYEES’ RIGHT TO DISPLAY THE FLAG
OF THE UNITED STATES

“7221. Definitions.

“7222. Employees’ right to display the flag of the United States.

“7223. Limitations.”.

